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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Loyola University, 2009-current  
Course Instructor, UC Santa Barbara, 2007-2009

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.            University of California, Santa Barbara  
                  Philosophy, August 2009  
                  Dissertation: *Justification and Entitlement*  
                  Committee Members: Kevin Falvey Anthony Brueckner, Michael Rescorla

M.A.            University of California, Santa Barbara  
                  Philosophy, March 2007

B.A.            University of Wisconsin, Madison  
                  Psychology and Philosophy, May 2003

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Kant)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor - University of California, Santa Barbara

PHIL 100B: Theories of Knowledge (Summer 2007)  
PHIL 163: John Locke (Winter 2008)  
PHIL 1: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2008)  
PHIL 20B: History of Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Winter 2009)

Teaching Assistant - University of California, Santa Barbara

PHIL 1: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2005, Fall 2007)  
PHIL 4: Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)  
PHIL 3: Critical Thinking (Winter 2006, Spring 2008)  
PHIL 20C: History of Philosophy: Locke through Kant (Spring 2007)  
PHIL 100A: Advanced Ethics (Fall 2006)  
PHIL 100B: Theories of Knowledge (Winter 2007)  
PHIL 100E: Metaphysics (Spring 2009)

## **DISSERTATION ABSTRACT**

I propose that the correct account of epistemic warrant should make room for two independent concepts: justification and entitlement. We are entitled to hold various non-inferential beliefs, paradigmatically beliefs based on perception, but the higher standards associated with justification apply to beliefs that are inferred from other beliefs.

## **PAPERS**

"Reliabilism and Brains in Vats," under review

"Terms of Entitlement," (co-authored with Anthony Brueckner) under review

"Solving the Epistemological Problem for Nonconceptualism," in progress

## **PRESENTATIONS**

"Comments on Joseph Shieber's 'Against the Paradoxicality of Moore's Paradox',"  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2009)

"Leveling the Playing Field: Equality of Opportunity and Counterfactual Responsibility,"  
International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, University of California, Berkeley  
(September 2008)

"Leveling the Playing Field: Equality of Opportunity and Counterfactual Responsibility,"  
North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference, University of Portland (July 2008)

"Phenomenal Internalism and Access to Qualia,"  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Graduate Conference (March 2007)

"Phenomenal Internalism and Access to Qualia,"  
University of California, Santa Barbara Graduate Colloquium (January 2007)

"Nonconceptual Content and the Rational Scrutinizability Condition for Perceptual Belief,"  
University of Washington Graduate Conference (October 2005)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Recipient of the Wienpahl Award for Excellence in Teaching (UCSB Philosophy Department, 2009)

Recognized as Outstanding Professor by Residential Housing Association Award (UCSB, 2009)

## **REFERENCES**

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## GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN

### *METAPHYSICS, EPISTEMOLOGY, AND MIND*

Seminar on Skepticism (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2009) (audited)  
Seminar on Conceptual Role Semantics (Michael Rescorla, Spring 2008) (audited)  
Seminar on Perceptual Justification (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2008) (audited)  
Seminar on First-Person Reference (Kevin Falvey, Fall 2007) (audited)  
Seminar on Self-Knowledge (Tyler Burge, UCLA, Spring 2007) (audited)  
Seminar on Singular Thought and Perceptual Content (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2006)  
Seminar on Consciousness (Jack Loomis, Psychology department, Winter 2006) (audited)  
Seminar on Contextualism and Practical Interests (Aaron Zimmerman, Fall 2005)  
Perception (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2005)  
Seminar on Apriori Justification (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2005)  
Seminar on Self-Knowledge and First-Person Authority (Kevin Falvey, Fall 2004)

### *ETHICS*

Seminar on Moral Skepticism (Aaron Zimmerman, Winter 2007) (audited)  
Seminar on Distributive Justice (Christopher McMahon, Spring 2006)  
Meta-ethics (Christopher McMahon, Fall 2005)

### *LOGIC AND LANGUAGE*

Intermediate Logic (Nathan Salmon, Winter 2005)  
Meaning and Reference (Nathan Salmon, Fall 2004)

### *HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY*

Wittgenstein (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2008) (audited)  
Seminar on John Locke (Thomas Holden, Winter 2006)  
Kant (Hubert Schwyzer, Winter 2005)  
Plato (Voula Tsouna, Spring 2005)